Clackamas Community College to get start on bond projects

With voters in the Clackamas Community College district approving a $90 million bond measure in November to update and modernize college resources, planning now is underway to construct and expand facilities.

Clackamas Community College’s Board of Education at its April meeting passed a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds to finance capital construction. Bonds are scheduled to be sold in May to finance four major projects, including:

? Construction of a work-force development facility will replace the 61-year-old building on the Harmony Community Campus in Milwaukie.

? On the Oregon City campus, an industrial/technical learning center will build labs and classrooms up to current industry standards for electronics, automotive, manufacturing, welding, skilled-trade and apprenticeship programs.

? New science classrooms will be built on the OC campus’ DeJardin Hall, along with the renovation and modernization of other college classrooms and facilities.

? Replacing the student services center on the OC campus will offer an expanded facility to meet student needs.

The initial meeting of the Bond Projects Citizen Oversight Committee will take place from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, in the Community Center, Room CC-127 on CCC’s OC campus. Co-chaired by a community representative and a member of the college’s Board of Education, the committee is comprised of more than 30 people from the community, who represent each of the seven zones in the college district, as well as staff and students.

The group will meet quarterly to ensure the bond projects reflect the community’s input and needs. The bond projects seek to increase local access to affordable educational programs that would allow students to transfer to four-year universities or obtain training for family-wage jobs in high-demand careers, such as health sciences, engineering and manufacturing.

The bonds will mature over a period of 26 years or less from the date of issue and will be issued in $5,000 denominations. It is estimated that the structure of the bond will not result in a tax increase for property owners in the district.
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